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MBA plans facility and land expansion School creates long-range strategy for construction

by Gabe Roth and Lee Hampton

In an effort to meet the increasing needs of its students, faculty, and staff, MBA has laid out a plan to acquire properties adjacent to the campus and to make better use of land it already has. After major renovations and remodeling of the Wilson Library, the school has decided to make the campus even more state-of-the-art and better suited for its array of uses. With this idea in mind, MBA is trying to fix some problems outlined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Committee, such as the needs for a science building and a larger Junior-Senior facility. The school is also addressing the needs for more sports playing fields, more parking spaces, and a better maintenance area.

MBA is currently in the process of trying to purchase land surrounding the campus: properties on Brighton Ave. and Kinsaling Ave. north of the campus; on Ensworth Ave. west of the campus; and on Wilson Blvd. east of the campus. Mr. Giola remarked that "MBA has outgrown its property and needs more land. . . . When a property around the campus goes up for sale, the school puts in a bid at fair market value with the hope to buy it. So far, the school has acquired four houses on which, after they are leveled, new sports fields, additional parking lots, or a new maintenance area will be put. The school's plans for acquiring land have not been completely finalized yet. Many of the school's

neighbors, however, are not happy about MBA's acquisitions. William Lauderdale, MBA class of '67, who lives on Kinsaling Ave., said, "I am totally opposed to [MBA] destroying this neighborhood. Even though I went

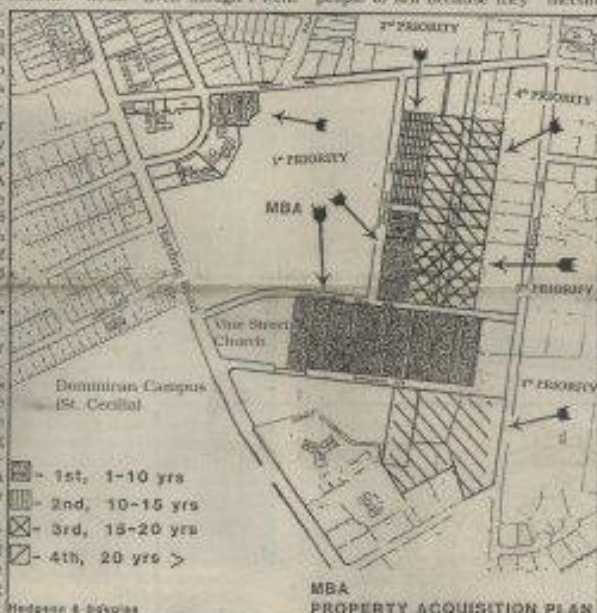
to school there, I don't want them to expand in this direction." MBA alumnus and Ensworth resident Norman Carl said, "It's safe to say there is a good bit of concern that MBA has decided, without consulting with the neighborhood, to expand the campus and acquire property."

Robert Fitz, a homeowner on Brighton, explained that some of the neighborhood residents' hostility was caused by "a lack of information and fears about being able to get a good price if we sell our house."

Mr. Fitz also said that "a real estate agent is using scare tactics to try to get people to sell because they money is in this house. I feel very trapped by MBA. My major concern is losing our neighborhood and losing our property value."

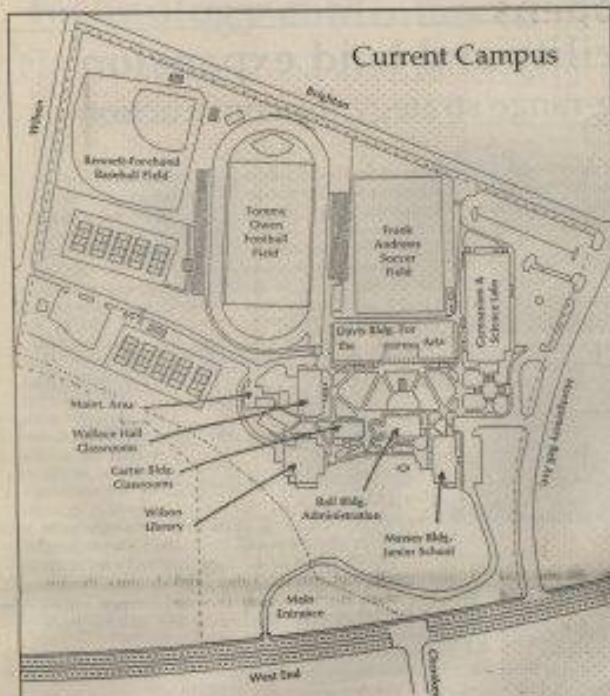
School officials attempted to placate homeowners at meetings on March 3rd and March 9th by discussing the expansion with them. Before the meeting, Mr. Giola stated, "We are not going behind these [homeowners'] backs, and we're not trying to take over the neighborhood. We have a right to try to buy these properties, though." Many residents, however, remain opposed to the expansion. MBA alumnus Norman Carl observed that "Opposition has increased in the past month or so."

Mr. Carl said that he was disappointed by the school's assurances that there is no plan even though "the school is too certain about its intentions to say there's no plan," Mr. Carl added. "As an alumnus and one who

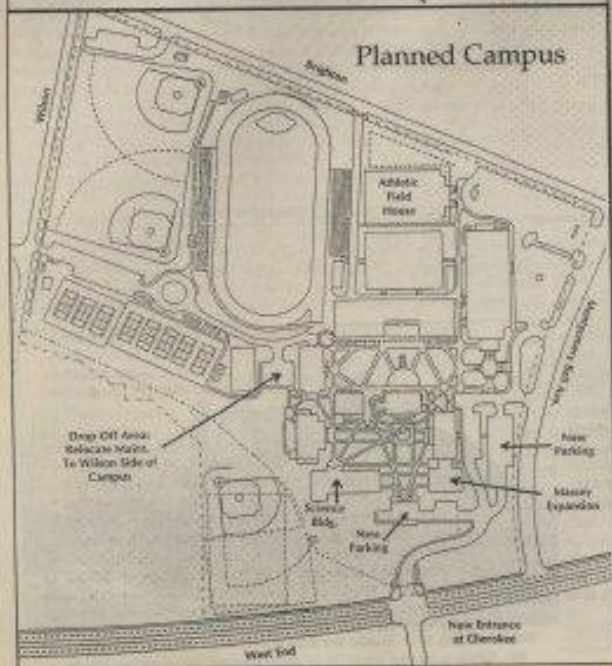


MBA bought this house on Ensworth Ave. which will serve as Mr. Giola's house until it is demolished for playing fields.

Patrick Wilson Library
Montgomery Bell Academy
Nashville, Tennessee



Current Campus



Planned Campus

Expansion (continued)

on page 2) the truth." Still, not every resident of Brighton or Kimpolung is very upset about the expansion. Porter Ward, a retired MBA teacher, said, "I don't have any great reaction at this point." When asked about his neighbor's concern, Mr. Ward responded, "Part of the concern is what it will do to property values. I don't think it will be an immediate problem."

The school is also rethinking its use of the land it currently owns, specifically the side of the campus facing West End Ave. The administration wants to keep the picturesque view from West End but also sees the need to use this front lawn space in a better, more effective way. The winding road that leads up to campus will be moved to go straight down from Mossey Hall to the traffic light on the corner of West End and Cherokee Ave. and will have both an entrance and an exit. The Mossey Building will be renovated and expanded to include more room for publications and classrooms and an amphitheater, says Mr. Gioia, "where Junior School students can meet, separate from the rest of the school." Around Mossey and adjacent to the road, there will be an added parking area. The new science building will be built next to the library to face West End, and in the center of the front lawn, a quadrangle will be constructed. When these projects will begin is uncertain, but Mr. Gioia hopes it will be in the not-too-distant future.

There are some long range plans for new buildings as well. For example, the school wants to raise Carter Hall and, in its place, put up a new building containing two floors of classrooms as well as a student center. The school wants to build a field house that would connect to the gym on the practice field behind the Davis Building. This field house would be a multi-faceted athletic complex with either an indoor basketball facility, an indoor track, or another type of indoor sports field.

The school is in need of money to fund all the new projects on the horizon. The school does annually receive large sums of money, as Mr. Gioia says, "from fund raising, alumni giving, and a set sum from the endowment." Before the projects started above start, the school is renting out the properties which they have bought to offset the purchase cost. Major fundraising will also be necessary to enable these projects to begin.

MBA has hired Ken Hinton, the head architect for the library renovations, to help lay out the future plans for the campus and eventually carry out these plans. Also being employed by MBA are Joe Hodgson, a landscape architect, and Dan Barge, who is helping with the structure of the new buildings. Representatives from MBA are visiting comparable schools' campuses to get even more ideas on how to make the campus better for its students, faculty, and staff.



Where will all those Broncos park? Probably right across the street.

Patrick Wilson Library reopens



Mr. Wilson stands in front of the statue of his late son, David Kirkpatrick Wilson Jr., as he expresses his desire to see this library up-to-date with current technology.



Driver Williams, a token MBA student, addresses the crowd.



Mr. Giola is overjoyed to see the results of the millions of dollars spent on this library.



Two integral architects of MBA's modern library, Mr. Wilson and Mildred Simmons, meet for the first time at the opening.



The next generation, pre-literate though they are, gain wisdom from the influence of great individuals listed in the library.

News Briefs

Cum Laude Society - Congratulations for being inducted into MBA's academic honor society go out to the following gentlemen: Seniors Matt Bensley, Jake Bessley, Scott Blount, Jonathan Chen, Ben Gambill, Matt Hale, Tom Mitchell, and Russell Tubor; and Juniors Preston Bottomy, Mark Butish, Grant Dickson, Derrick Fuller, Michael Griffin, Yasunori Hashimura, and Michael Stahl. The top 7% of the junior class and the top 7-10% of the senior class were inducted this February.

California Juries in Mock Trial Championship - Lady luck once again deserted the MBA Mock Trial team, as the "A" team finished third overall in the city. The MBA "A" team, undefeated after three rounds, was slated to face first seed Harpeth Hall in round four. After losing a close match, MBA "A" discovered that another team, Ryan, which in the fourth round hit a team that the MBA "A" team had beaten in the second round had eclipsed them to finish second overall in the city. Individually, Rob Humbricht was named MVP of the "A" team, while Andrew Eckstein was named MVP of the "B" team.

Belmont Art Show - MBA students Joe Montgomery, Wesley Gibbs, Dudley Schiel, and Davis Newell won awards at the Belmont Art Show. Montgomery's painting *Patience and Anger* won best of show. MBA was named the best school overall at the competition.

National Merit - Congratulations go to Brent Elrod, Lee Hampton, Thom Little, Tom Mitchell, Brian Stults, and Mark Yopp on being named National Merit Finalists. These six seniors are now in the final stage of competition for National Merit Scholarships.

Varsity Debate - MBA has continued its winning ways since the last issue. At the Barkley Forum Tournament at Emory University, the teams of Ryan-Stults and Sabel-Yopp reached elimination rounds, with Ryan and Stults reaching the semifinal round. At the Vestavia Hills tournament in Birmingham, five MBA teams reached elimination rounds, and three MBA teams were semifinalists. At the Woodruff Debates held at the Westminster School in Atlanta, Raja Gaddipati and Samir Idnani were the only sophomore team to reach the elimination rounds, advancing to the quarterfinals.

Who was Patrick Wilson?

by David Wilson

I've been asked this question so many times since I've been at MBA that I've lost count. David Kirkpatrick Wilson Jr. was killed in a car accident in Paris, France, at the age of 22 in 1985. He was a very interesting person and the center of attention of my family his whole life. Patrick truly lived up to the MBA motto. He was a gentleman, a scholar and an athlete. Although he went to high school at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, he attended MBA in 7th and 8th grades, where he was a mem-

ber of the Junior Honor Society. He earned the Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina, where he was a wrestling and track star and had a reputation for being quite a party animal. It was not uncommon to see him driving around town in a hearse complete with a coffin in the back or attending a formal party in the full and authentic Kirkpatrick kilt. I'm sure that if Patrick could see the new library today he would be honored that it carries his name.



Is the grass greener in New England? Students worry too much about colleges' prestige

by Brian Stoltz

Last time, I hopped aboard my soapbox with a critique of students' ulterior motives for getting involved in extracurricular activities at MBA. Another possibly dangerous obsession seems to have infiltrated the campus more recently, however: the infatuation of many seniors with Ivy League colleges. While striving for admission to the colleges that are considered the best in the nation by many sources may seem to be a worthwhile and noble goal, a step backward to examine why students choose these schools might be very helpful.

My point is best illustrated by a brief anecdote. It was a cold November day in Mr. Caldwell's second period AP Calculus class. We had just finished a section on integrals with five minutes remaining in the period. So, we went around the room, and each person named the colleges to which he had sent applications. The number of students applying to top-notch colleges was not at all surprising to me, especially considering the fact that calculus itself is a very difficult sub-

ject. After all, the class is quite rigorous and best suited for some of MBA's most self-challenging students. What was shocking to me, however, was the response that students gave when asked why they picked Ivy League schools. Instead

for good reasons, they have offered superior academic programs for some time and have produced graduates that often find great success in the world. Sometimes, however, I think that students at MBA and elsewhere are deluded by the idea

that these schools are always superior in all aspects. I vehemently disagree with the notion that the Ivy League is better in all cases. First of all, some Ivy League institutions have seen their lead in the academic arena slip away. Slowly but surely, a number of colleges that are either public or private but not part of the Ivy group have produced amazing programs that are certainly comparable to the Ivy League. Also, many of these institutions offer lower tuition, greater potential for merit-based scholarships, and honors programs to boot. To overlook these schools, which are better financial alternatives for many students, may indeed be a grave oversight. Second, a student acting on the prestige factor alone when applying to and choosing colleges may be severely disappointed. To choose a school simply because it is well-known and of good repute is a

flawed approach; it would cause many students to pick a college that is not an ideal match for them. Without a doubt, each campus has a different philosophy and atmosphere that can only be discovered through intense research. Also, picking an Ivy League school that fails to match any of a student's primary interests is a recipe for disaster. To naively assume that all colleges and universities are "the same" and thus pick an Ivy League school based on the prestige factor could easily make for a very unhappy four years.

Ultimately, I do believe that Ivy League schools are excellent choices for some students from MBA and elsewhere. Nevertheless, I am afraid that the current trend toward choosing a college based solely on reputation may not be in many students' best interests. The MBA College Counseling program has always encouraged students to choose schools based upon real criteria and not a flighty sense of renown. Before making final college decisions in April, MBA students would be wise to consider their options carefully and make their choice an informed one, both for the good of the schools concerned and the students' long-term happiness and well-being.



of hearing things like, "I like their engineering department," or "It's excellent in political science." I was confronted by a myriad of voices saying, "I don't know."

I certainly don't want anyone to think that there is anything necessarily wrong with shooting for the top. After all, I applied to three such highly-ranked schools myself. All of the Ivy League schools have acquired their stellar reputations

Senior athletic requirement's stealth change Students need more notice when requirements are changed

by Lee Hampton

Imagine the surprise I felt in August when I read in the 1996-1997 student handbook that all students, seniors and underclassmen alike, were now required to participate in two seasons of athletics. Since my 7th grade year at MBA, seniors had been exempt from the normal two-season mandatory athletic requirement. To make sure that there had not been any prior warning about the change, I asked several of my classmates if they had heard anything about the change before the beginning of the school year. I learned that they, too, had first learned of it from reading the handbook. I also found out that both the 1996 and 1997 Course Planning Guides said that one season of sports would fulfill the senior athletic requirement. Without any discussion with students or any advance notice, a years-old policy had been abolished.

The change itself did not bother me greatly, but the manner in which it was made did. College freshmen usually graduate under the requirements they started under, even if the college alters the requirements in the meantime. This allows any changes to occur with a minimum of chaos since they will only take effect gradually. When MBA changed its academic curriculum about five years ago, the changes initially only applied to that year's freshman class; the sophomores, juniors, and seniors of the time graduated under the requirements which existed in their freshman

year. Why should MBA's athletic requirements be any different? Because of college applications, non-athletic extracurricular activities such as theater, mock trial, and debate, and heavy course loads, the time freed up by playing only one sport can be very useful to many seniors. Changing the requirements at the beginning of the senior year without any warning only exacerbates these problems, because any students counting on participating in only one sport must scramble to find the time taken up by the unexpected extra sport. Earlier notice and a short phase-in period would have gone a long way towards solving the problems caused by the stealth approach.

At the core of the athletic requirement changes lies a deeper issue, however. Students involved in debate, theater, and after-school music programs currently receive one season of athletic credit per year for these activities. Is the change in the senior athletic requirements a precursor for more sweeping reforms? If so, any changes need to be carefully discussed and reflect student input, because they could have major implications for some of MBA's most successful, and most time-consuming, extracurricular activities. Altering MBA's athletic requirements in order to make students more physically fit may be desirable, but it should only be done carefully, after much discussion and with much notice.

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Features

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Theater performs *Much ...* Rendition of classic received well



by Jay Webb and Gabe Roth

After successful productions of *Dark of the Moon* and *The Construct*—both student directed one-act plays, the MBA Theater Club tackled a new project for the spring. William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. This play, a "comedy of mischance," according to Adam Laughbaum, is based around two love stories. The first couple in love—consisting of Benedick, played by Laughbaum, and Beatrice, played by Jenny Smith—is, as director Mr. Whitman says, "a mature love, and it takes them a while to admit that they are in love." Contrastingly, the second set of lovers—containing Claudio, played by Chris Callister, and Hero, played by Devon Williamson—is "a love at first sight," states Mr. Whitman. "... rather [than] one hundredth sight... like with Benedick and Beatrice." As with many Shakespearean plays, sub-plots abound. In *Much Ado*, there is the villainous Don John, portrayed by Greg Davidge, who wants to mess [continued on page 7]

The beauty of bagpipes MBA's resident piper tells all

by Sean Cunningham

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the crazy Irishman who plays that irritating instrument all the time — I'm the reason that your hearing is a bit worse this year. I don't play at school for my health's sake though. Rather, I'm in the Nashville Pipes and Drums, led by the occasionally insane Jay Dawson, the NP&D has marched into competitions across Stone Mountain, Georgia, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Alma, Michigan. The band most recently played at the Amy Grant Tennessee Christmas concert, where we mastered such concepts as "Hurry up and wait," and "semper Gumby (always flexible)." After being repeatedly jerked around, Pipe Major Dawson turned to Ms. Grant, Mr. Gill, et al., and belted out "HO, HO, HO!" in the middle of the dignified tune, "White Christmas." According to friends at the show, Dawson's ravings were picked up well by the microphones.

Our parcel of rogues is just that: the unappreciated maniacs of the music world. During our last gig, a pipe in the ceiling broke, spilling an unknown liquid on the floor of our dressing room. After circling the

expanding puddle, one brave piper decided to taste the substance, only to realize that it was beer. To say the least, the discovery brightened our evening. We recently played with the Nashville Symphony, who have called themselves real musicians as compared to our band, though I suppose we feel the same way toward them. We have had a war of words and occasional actions for the past year; NP&D's advantage is in our complete and unified lack of dignity and self-respect. In the middle of a dress rehearsal, we showed them once and for all what was under the kilts.



As much fun as we may have, our band represents the leading drum corps in the Eastern US Pipe Band Association, with members winning each of the top three grades of Scottish side (snare) and tenor drumming. Our pipe corps has grown from roughly a dozen in October, to well over twenty-five rising pipers. We will be competing in May at one of the largest pipe band competitions in the US, hopefully laying down the smack on bands from Louisville, Knoxville, and Murfreesboro.

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Waste of money, thy name is Myers-Briggs

by Robert Ross

About a month ago, many of MBA's students took the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test. After looking over \$40, these poor saps found out whether or not they fit some combination of the following incredibly vague personality types:

introvert — You have no friends. You cannot exist in a society.

extrovert — You cannot shut up.

sensing — One of those "sensitive new-age guys", you will drive a Geo Metro and listen to Alanis. Wuss.

intuitive — You know what others feel, but don't care! A real man.

feeling — Another euphemism for "girlie-man." Congratulations, you will forever be "just a friend." Possible career as a hairstylist or chihuahua groomer.

thinking — The kind of person who would not pay money to take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test.

judging — You can determine the truth and have no qualms forcing it down the throats of others.

perceptive — You have a keen grasp of the obvious, ignoring it will ensure you a teaching position.

After consulting my ouija board and drinking lots n' Tang, I think I'm as qualified as Myers and Briggs to give some quasi-scientific description of your personality — and I won't charge you \$40! So, without further ado, I give you my test for sanity!

MICHAEL·Renee'

Lifestyle Portraiture Salutes



Robert Ross

Robert is senior class Vice-President, News Editor of *The Bell Ringer*, Sports Editor of *The Bell* and a member of the debate team.

1. I miss the early '80s because of the
 - a. silly chase music on CH&W
 - b. Communism, Idi Amin, the Ayatollah, Japan — good enemies
 - c. sterling wit of John Ritter on *Three's Company*
 - d. Carter administration inflation
2. The movie *Tron* was
 - a. like watching bald, obese people mud-wrestle
 - b. an interesting look at the workings of a computer
 - c. a series of subliminal imagery telling us to nuke Russia
 - d. Dr. Cruwell's idea
3. I watch *Friends* for
 - a. Jennifer Aniston
 - b. the complex social interaction of a collection of losers
 - c. the wit of Chandler
 - d. Phoebe is my long-lost daughter
4. Last Halloween, I dressed up as
 - a. a cinn baby
 - b. Scott Bain
 - c. a character from *Deliverance* (but not Scott Bain)
 - d. nothing — I stayed at home and gave neighborhood kids solidified fudges wrapped in cellophane
5. Fabio is
 - a. a nice guy
 - b. a hulk of a man
 - c. a big-nosed foreigner with the IQ of a decapitated goat
 - d. "I can't believe it's little"
6. In my spare time, I
 - a. listen to Jeff Foxworthy
 - b. dance around the ceiling fixture of wisdom while sprinkling cinnamon on my pets
 - c. snort Neosporin
 - d. force my dog to eat peanut butter
7. Hazard County is a lot like reality because
 - a. women under 35 should be forced to wear only hot pants, boots, and spandex bras
 - b. I only enter my car through the window
 - c. banjos play whenever I enter my sport-utility vehicle
 - d. I have no job, a criminal record, hair that is best described as a "mane", and I violate probation every weeknight on TBS
8. Scott Bain is
 - a. Lucifer
 - b. misunderstood
 - c. the "best" good movie of the summer
 - d. the 5th horseman of the apocalypse
9. I watch James Bond films because
 - a. Roger Moore is such a great actor, and looks so young for the part
 - b. the large number of incredible women with little clothing and clever names
 - c. I like to see Pinko-Commie-Russkies slaughtered like pigs
 - d. my cable is stuck on TBS
10. America's #1 funding priority should be
 - a. education
 - b. dispensing dailies to the criminally insane
 - c. sending Yakov Smirnov back home
 - d. SDP

ANSWER KEY: 1(A), 2(D), 3(A), 4(B), 5(C), 6(C), 7(B), 8(D), 9(D), 10(C). If you get fewer than five of these right, you probably drool on yourself, still listen to Nirvana, and saw Elio. Don't worry, there is a place for you—Canada.



Artists shine at Cheekwood

Sixty-six students win awards

by Joe Montgomery

The order and civility of art hanging on the walls of Cheekwood's Botanical Hall in the 1997 Scholastic Art Competition reflected little but the cocoon of chaotic creative process. The two Hallmark, forty-four gold, fifty-eight silver, and fifty-four merit awards

"Sexuality and Sobriety," which won the other Hallmark Award, is simply the combination of canvas and various pigments. The erasures and layers underneath that final shining medium of K.J. Schumacher's gold-winning Nashville painting provide but a starting point. Those strokes of a hog's hair brush in a clashing color are not the ones that merit a gold award, although they will lurk in the mix of dripping cadmium reds and the blacks of idle crows.

As MBA's reputation in the arts matures, Rosie Paschall reveals key ingredients to the success found when one piece of art is placed next to another on an otherwise blank wall. One must think of competition as an extension of the MBA art classroom. As one walks through the easels and tables, he joins a dance and ritual of painting, laughing, and yelling. The students judge and they are judged. Rosie never sits down; she nudges, retreats for a laugh, and then hovers over one's paper or painting. "Levity," she says, "is very important." The ability to put one's artwork on constant display for criticism and praise enables the artist to laugh at his mistakes and correct them, thus producing a more mature project. That diverse body of people who commune with each other and comment, laugh and correct in the classroom is the same as that gathering of an audience at Cheekwood, sipping its red punch.

Winners of other numerous gold awards included Michael Griffin, Will Bartholomew, Andrew Rozario, Chip Kuzmerowski, and Joe Montgomery. Each student has a different style, from Will's apostolic monotyping to Chip's haunting oils. All of the gold Hallmark winners will travel to New York to compete nationally for spots in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC.



Crowds filled Cheekwood's Botanical Hall to view area high school art.

won by MBA students were tactile, aesthetic manifestations of fun, laughter, mistakes, and, sometimes, linseed oil. The finished products that went to Cheekwood to be shown to local professional artists and even the mayor, on a day where red punch and cheese were readily available, began three weeks before as blank paper, canvas, and zinc plate. The Hallmark Award-winning etching by Andrew Rozario, "Who Called the Cock Robin?", is only the negative impression of a metal plate burned and burnished by nitric acid and rubbing fingers. Joe Montgomery's painting,

A Letter from Stephan

The German connection tells of his recent experiences

Dear Bell Ringer,

It has been more than half a year since I left MBA. Having settled back into German customs and ways of life again, all I can say is that I am having a great time. I am not nearly experiencing so many new things or getting to know as many interesting persons as I was in Nashville; for me it has somehow become the usual everyday life. I am in the 12th grade now, with yet one and a half years to go until my graduation, the *Abitur*. After a year at MBA, I came back well prepared to manage the first semester of this school year, without extensive exams at the end of it, but rather minor ones in the course of the half year.

This is why I had, probably contrary to you all, a very easy January, after a wonderful Christmas break in Zermatt, Switzerland, where I went skiing with my family. We drove down there around the 21st to spend Christmas in the mountains and the snow. Due to excellent snow conditions we were able to ski much, enjoying the beautiful mountains and the good weather. I got to know some other Germans around my age with whom I spent several evenings in the pubs of Zermatt (I am aware of the prohibition of alcoholic beverages for minors in the US, but it is - strange as it may seem to you - accepted in European culture). Having come back to Krefeld, we discovered that snow and ice had even overcome this part of Europe, and all through January the temperature hardly ever rose above the freezing point.

Today is - at least for the Catholics - Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lent season. For nearly the whole last week we had a festival called Carnival around the area of Cologne, which is around here an event at least as important as the well-known Oktoberfest in Munich, Bavaria. People celebrate the last feast before the six weeks period of Lent. They get masqueraded, and there are parades through the streets everywhere, in which people throw candy to the spectators while playing music. We got Monday and Tuesday off school. I went to a great party at a friend's house on Saturday, and went down to Cologne (about 45 minutes from here) on Sunday to the parades. On Monday, some friends of mine and I marched with a group as part of the parades here in Krefeld, masqueraded as cows. We met at 11:00 AM and I did not get home before 2:00 AM the next day, which made Tuesday something of a recovery day.

School should become a little harder now for the next few weeks until Spring Break, which is not before the end of March. We will go on a trip with our grade to a little city south of Cologne for four days. We are working on a theater play by B. Brecht *Drumschraoper* (a parody of J. Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*), which we will perform in March. I am playing the music on the piano.

I hope everybody at MBA is going great. I still think of you all very often.

Stephan Schirmer
Krefeld, Germany



Much Ado... (continued from page 5)

up everything, as Whiteman puts it, "just for evil's sake." He would get away with doing so if it were not for the policeman, led by Dogberry, played by Brent Elrod, who must keep the peace and neutralize Don John.

"We've got a very capable cast," commented Mr. Whiteman, "and I have confidence in them. However, the proof is in the pudding—you can't really tell how good a play will be until opening night with the first performance. . . . It's a difficult play with a little stinging and witty, ironic, slapstick, and even dark humor. It's almost a tragedy, but instead the cops keep peace. . . . It's verbal, has a lot of lines, and it's a challenge. Much Ado is not as well known as *Romeo and Juliet* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but it should be as entertaining as them."

The opening night audience was quite receptive to the bursts of emotion and subtle humor found in the quickly spoken lines of Shakespeare. Refined but natural actions executed by the players gave substance to the play making, in a familiar and convincing depiction of the power of love.



The real theft problem

Nothing is petty about a good hat

by Stuart Burkhalter

Gabe Roth wrote a great article for the last Bell Ringer on the theft of small, inconsequential items such as wallets, VCR's, laptops, et cetera from MBA students: HATS. The other items can be easily replaced, but a good, worn-in hat can never be fully replicated. Sure, with years and years of hard work and toil, one may possibly recreate such a hat, but in these times it is extremely difficult to find a hat capable of being worn-in well.

I had my UCLA hat for three years before it was stolen out of the locker room the Wednesday of exam week. It is difficult for many to comprehend the beauty and intrinsic value of dirty, broken-in hats, but I believe the student body does understand. It is not merely a filthy, molding piece of cloth; it is part of one's identity, part of one's very being. The theft of hats from MBA students is not an uncommon thing. Charlie Curtis had a Kappa Sigma University of Tennessee hat that had been passed down through many generations, a family heirloom, stolen from the locker room last year. Also, Newton Pale's Virginia hat was violated while he was lifting in the weight room.

I am sorry that my faithful, old, light blue UCLA hat is not able to see me grow up, go to college, and get married, and finally not able to be burned after my death. Mr. Moxley once called me a materialist for constantly carrying my hat with me, but it is no mere object, or material. It contains my struggles, hardships, toils, and mirth; it was there for the good times and it was there for the bad times. It transcends mortal experience. So I say farewell to my beloved hat one last time as I attempt to move on with my life.



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Wrestlers roll into state tournament

Bartholomew follows region triumph with state championship

by Rob Gabbert

For the first time in years, the MBA Wrestling Team competed in the Region Dual Tournament after placing second in the District. In the first round, the Big Red traveled to Warren County where they defeated the Patriots 56-12. The semi-final and final rounds were hosted by MBA. The entire team wrestled hard against its semi-final opponent, Overton, the number one team in the state, but still lost. MBA has the bad luck of being in a region with five of the ten best teams in Tennessee. The bad luck presented a trip to a State Duals tournament which included two teams previously defeated by the Big Red.

The team also wrestled Brentwood Academy and Stratford in the last two dual matches of the year. BA, which had won the State Duals in the small school division for three consecutive years, was beaten 42-23. The Big Red grapplers made short work of Stratford, 27-16, the following afternoon.

MBA entered the Regional Individual Tournament with high hopes, but faced a rough road due to the stiff competition. The wrestlers finished a strong third place in the region behind the top two in the state. MBA's performance qualified ten wrestlers for the State Tournament (see box).

The ten wrestlers traveled to Chattanooga for the State Tournament on the following weekend. David Sanders, Will Bartholomew, Johnny Rich, Jonathan Williams, and Philip Simpson all scored points for the team, which took twelfth place overall. In the first round, Sanders set the record for the fastest pin ever in the State Tournament by pinning his opponent in 11 seconds. Bartholomew, the first MBA State Champion in the 215 lb. weight class since 1989, defeated Nick Breeden of Seymour 3-2 to finish his season undefeated. The MBA wrestlers ended their season with a very good final dual meet record of nineteen wins and three losses, as well as the strong showing in the State Tournament.



Jonathan Williams gains the high ground on the way to a win.

Region Individual Finishes

- 1st Place**
 Will Bartholomew (215)
 Johnny Rich (189)
 Jonathan Williams (325)
- 2nd Place**
 David Sanders (319)
- 3rd Place**
 Bryan Keane (145)
- 4th Place**
 Rob Gabbert (135)
 Adam Nichols (152)
 Dave Alexander (171)
 Matt Woolsey (130)
 Philip Simpson (103)



Brian Keane fearlessly wipes the floor with his opponent.

Big Red reclaims Region crown

with aid of new diving team

Baird wins first state championship in the post-Jeremy era

by James Walton

This year's varsity swimming team was quite successful under Coach Rundberg and Coach Sefters, the coach formerly known as Miss Leigh. The squad didn't lose a regular meet, including the Excel Invitational in Gallatin, where the Big Red triumphed over Brentwood, Ryan, and many others. Individual winners included Adrian Cameron, Jonathan Chen, Peter Chen, Jonathan Baird, Chris Nalbantyan, and Chris

Efflan. Also scoring for MBA were James Walton and David Landeman.

Captains James Walton, Chris Nalbantyan, and Jonathan Chen provided much of this year's senior leadership while late-comer Drew Roberts filled the trunks of assistant captain. Not all leadership, however, was provided by seniors. Adrian Cameron, our "new Jeremy," was awarded Student Athlete of the Month by the Sports Scene. He

was also recently inducted into the Junior Honor Society.

Shaking off a cracked vertebrae, junior diving captain Michael Stahl stole the show at the TISCA Region diving competition by scoring 270 points en route to a first-place finish. Three-sport letterman sophomore David McIntosh backed Stahl up, taking the bronze, a mere 1.65 points out of second place. It was a great start for MBA's first diving team ever.

In the other lane of the TISCA Region meet, MBA's swimmers were not outdone by the upstart divers, as they swept all three relay events. Last year, the lack of a diving team resulted in a Brentwood victory. This year, however, not much help was needed as the Big Red rolled to a 341 to 189 decision over second-place Tullahoma. Ryan finished a dismal third with 178 points while Brentwood was nowhere to be found. (continued on pg. 10)



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Basketball season ends in disappointment

Ryan tops MBA with last second shot

by Stephen Markley

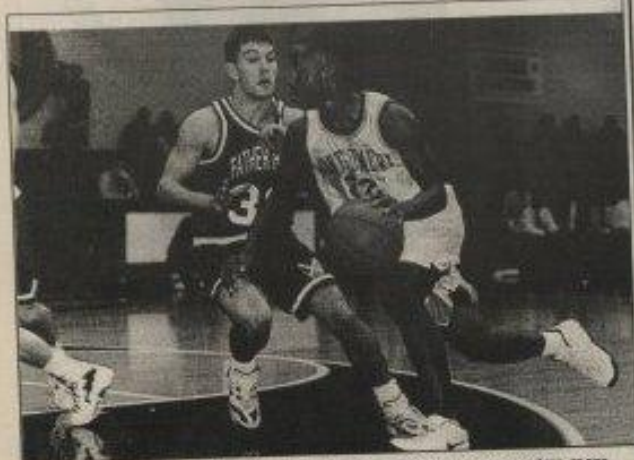
A decidedly up-and-down season for the basketball team ended with a one point loss in overtime to Father Ryan. In the previous few weeks of the season, the Big Red was on a tear, with two convincing wins over both Father Ryan and Overton. Furthermore, the team performed well on the road under pressure, beating district tournament champion Hillsboro on their home floor as well as narrowly losing to Maplewood, the District 12 champion. Having been frustrated by MBA during their first two meetings, the Irish came out pumped up for their first round match up with the Big Red basketball team. However, the defensive pressure of Max Fuller and the sharpshooting of Clay Hamblen kept the Irish in check. The Irish made a late run, but it looked like the Big Red would be able to hold on until a pair of desperation threes and a lucky tip at the buzzer sent the game into overtime. The Big Red once again grabbed the lead in overtime with the help of district all tournament selection Michael Godwin. The rebounding of senior Will Connolly and junior Omari Booker limited Ryan to just a few shots, and with clutch free throw shooting by seniors Clay Hamblen and Michael Godwin, the team seemed ready to move on to the region with the win. However, the Irish's luck hadn't run out, as number thirty hit a thirty foot turnaround with one and a half seconds left to go.

This season marked the end of Coach Kyle Bills' three year tenure as MBA's head basketball coach. Bills, who will remain on the teaching faculty, cited a recurring arthritic condition and a desire to spend more time with his family as his reasons for resigning. No successor has yet been named.

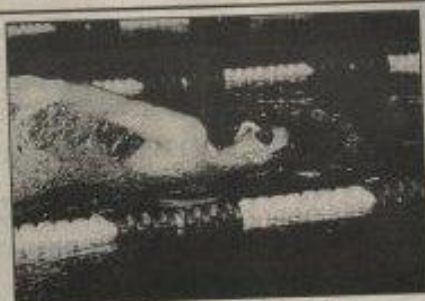
On a more pleasant note, senior forward Will Connolly plans to continue his basketball career next year at the University of the South while point guard Michael Godwin is still trying to decide among a number of schools. Next year seems promising for the basketball team, as returning starter Whit Smith looks to lead the team with the help of rising seniors Allen Huggins, John Ozier, and Omari Booker as well as freshman starter Barton Simmons.



Max attacks the inside, gains the vertical advantage, and scores.



Mike Godwin runs around the perimeter on the way to score two more.



Nalbantyan does it freestyle.

Swimming (continued)

MBA followed its region championship with an impressive third-place finish in the state tournament behind perennial swimming powers Baylor and McCallie. Sophomore Jonathan Baird won the 100m breast stroke state championship. Fellow sophomore Adrian Cameron placed second in the 500m freestyle and third in the 200m freestyle. With the success of two returning underclassmen, the future of MBA's swimming team promises to be bright.

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MBA athletes recruited by college and pro teams

Teammates may face each other on the field

by Stephen Was

Imagine running through the "T" or playing to the tune of Rocky Top. Next year one of MBA's own will get this opportunity. As most people know by now, Will Bartholomew signed a scholarship with the University of Tennessee to play football. Will, moreover, will not be the only MBA alum playing football in the SEC; John Markham has also signed a football scholarship to play at UT's rival, Vanderbilt.

As seniors in high school, these two individuals faced life-changing decisions. When Will was asked why he chose the University of Tennessee over several other high profile schools, he remarked, "Since my grandfather played there, I felt that I should carry on the family tradition. The fact that I grew up watching UT also had something to do with it." Will went on to point out that he will have a legitimate shot at winning the National Championship at

Tennessee. Bartholomew, whose brother played football at MBA as well as at Davidson College, where he was an All-American (Division II), could see playing time at the fullback position as a freshman, MBA football coach Ricky Bowers says. "He definitely has a shot at it."

John Markham, the other MBA football player to sign a scholarship this year, will perform in front of his home town at Vanderbilt. John is an avid soccer player, and he is on the varsity team here at MBA. Unfortunately, he will have to leave soccer behind, and take his strong leg to the football field while at Vanderbilt.

Like Will Bartholomew, John also has a strong chance at playing as a freshman in the SEC, since Vanderbilt's all-SEC punter, Bill Marianangel, graduates this year. Any faithful Vanderbilt fan knows how much of a responsibility that can be! Markham will



Giddy with joy, Will Bartholomew and John Markham sign to play for U.T. and Vanderbilt respectively, education included.

also contend for the kick-off position on special teams.

It has been a long time since two football players at MBA signed scholarships in the same year to play at col-

lege. Current MBA faculty members Damon Egan and Tom Moore both played at Vanderbilt.

Mississippi State punter Andy Russ, a recent MBA alum, led the

nation in punting and was named the most valuable player in the Senior Bowl; he will probably play in the NFL.

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Technology continues to proliferate at MBA

New computers and internet access give teachers and students more options



Dr. Hedgpeth, MBA's new technology guru

Always thank your mother Noodles go a long way to raise funds

Approximately \$40,000 was earned by the Mothers' Club at the MBA Spaghetti Supper. The Spaghetti Supper is one of the main resources for the needs of teachers, and so every bit of money is used. Nearly every section of the school received something from the Spaghetti Supper. Thank you, Mothers, for doing such a great job!

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- **Physical plant** - \$600 - 6 eight-foot tables
- **Student Publications** - \$2100 - unspecified, printing costs, Xerox machine
- **Video** - \$734 - time-code generator, repair for View-Finder on S-VHS recorder

by Matt Davis

What lies in store for the technological advancement of MBA? One change is the hiring of Dr. William Hedgpeth, the new "technology coordinator." Dr. Hedgpeth is in charge of "everything from the labs to administrative computing." holds a doctorate in physics, and has been officially working with computers since 1979. Originally the head of the math department at his old school, he was forced into the computer world by accident. This career change has led him to MBA.

When asked about what he hopes to see in MBA's near future, Dr. Hedgpeth replied that "I would like to see all the buildings networked together... and also out to the Internet, because we do have internet connections that are gradually growing." This process would require quite a bit of reconstruction, underneath MBA's terrestrial crust, as optical fiber must be wired across campus. For the time being, Dr. Hedgpeth is mainly interested in simply setting up the computer lab in the library, where numerous networked Hewlett Packards are being installed with word processors and internet access. He has also started to create trial e-mail accounts for one hundred students.

Another part of the technological team of MBA is Dr. Crowell and the Science Department. At the beginning of the school year, rumor had it that Drs. Crowell and Neergaard would install some sort of internet access on all of the Science Department's computers. The rumors turned out to be true, and every science lab is now equipped with internet access. Dr. Crowell predicts a computer "ring" around the entire school, where a computer in the Speech and Debate

building will have access to a computer in the Physics Lab through a campus intranet.

In a foretaste of what may happen when the entire campus is hooked up to the Internet, the science teachers have been incorporating internet usage into their classes. Dr. Clark explained, "In second semester, I gave them a 500-1000 words research paper for which they could use three sources. Over 50% of the sources were web sites. Now, I'm having them look at the position of the North Star, and we're going to collaborate with a Massachusetts high school astronomy class via e-mail.... This would be much more difficult without the Internet." The biology classes have used the Internet to do several activities, such as virtual fly crossing experiments on a California supercomputer.

Mr. Chenery said, "This [virtual fly lab on the Internet] is much faster, more flexible, and more accurate than before." Mr. Chenery also stated that the biology teachers are "looking at becoming a limb on the Tree of Life, a website set up by the Madson brothers, who are professors at Harvard University and the University of Arizona. The site seeks to put every living organism on a branch of the tree of life." The program will be very useful to scientists looking into evolutionary histories.

The Internet should become even more useful for teachers as time goes on. Dr. Clark said "I think Internet usage in my class will really take off next year after I've had more time over the summer to think about how to incorporate the Internet into physics class." Mr. Chenery commented, "We only began to utilize it efficiently."